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Enter Susex, and Lo: Chamberlaine.

Suffex.



Ood morrow my good Lord Chamberlaine.

Cham: Many good morrowes to my good Lord of Suffex,

Suff. Whose with the Queene my Lord. Cha: The Cardinall of Winchester: The Lord

Lo: Howard, Sir Henry Bening feild, and divers others.

Suff: A word my Lord in private.

Enter Tame and Shandoyse.

Shan: Touching the Queene my Lord who now fits hye, What thinks the realme of Phillip th'Emperours sonne, A marriage by the Counsell treated of?

Tame: Pray god't prooue well.

Suff: Good morrow Lords.

Tame: Good morrow my good Lord of Sussex.

Shan: I cry your Honors mercy.

Cham: Good morrow to the Lords of Tame and Shandoyse. Tame: The like to you my Lord: As you were speaking.

Enter Lord Howard and Sir Henry Bening field.

Bening: Concerning Wyat and the Kentish rebels,
Their ouer-throw is past: The rebell Dukes that sought
By all meanes to proclaime Queene Iane, chessely Norhumberland,
For Gilfords sake, he for st his brother Duke vnto that warre,

But each one had his merite, Howard: Oh my Lord,

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The lawe proceeded gainst their great offence,
And 'tis not well fince they have suffered judgment,
That we should rayse their scandall being dead,
Tis impious, not by true judgment bread.

Suff: Good morrow my Lord, good morrow good Sir Henry.

Bening: Pardon my Lord, I sawe you not till now.

Chamb: Good morrow good Lord Howard.

How: Your honors; The like to you my Lords.

Tame: With all my hart Lord Howard.

Cham. Forward I pray.

Suff: The suffolke men my Lord, was to the Queene

The very stayres, by which she did ascend:

Shee's greatly bound vnto them for their loues.

Enter Cardinall of Winchester.

Winch: Good morrow Lords, attend the Queene into the pre-Sus: Your dutyes Lords- (sence.

Exempt omnes, Enter Tame bearing the purse: Shandoyse the Mace: Howard the Septer; Sussex the Crowne: then the Queene; after her

the Cardinall, Sentlo, Gage, and attendants.

Quee: By gods affistance and the power of heaven,
We are instated in our brothers throane,
And all those powers, that war'd against our right,
By helpe of heaven and your freindly ayde,
Disper'st and sted, heere may we sit secure,
Our heart is joyfull Lords, our peace is pure.

Enter Dodds.

Dodds: I doe beech your Maiesty peruse this poore peticion. Quee: O master Dodds we are indebted to you for your love,

You stood vs in great stead euen in our ebb Of fortune, when our hopes were neere declin'd, And when our state did beare the lowest saile,

Which we have reason to requite we know; Read his peticion my good Lord Cardinall.

Dodds: Oh gratious Soueraigne, let my Lord the Duke have The perufing of t, or any other that is necre your grace,

He will be to our fuit an opposite.
Winch: And reason fellow.

Madam,

Madam, here is a large recitall & vpbrayding of your highnes Soueraignty, the Suffolke men that lifted you to the throne, and heere possest you, claime your promise you made them about re-

ligion.

Dodds: True gracious Soueraigne; But that we doe upbrayd your Maiesty, Or make recitall of our deedes forepast, Other then conscience, honesty and zeale, By loue, by faith, and by our dutie bound, To you the next and true successive heyre, If you contrary this; I needs must say, Your skillesse tongue doeth make our well tun'd words, Iarr in the Princesse earcs, and of our text, You make a wronge construction: Gratious Queenc, Your humble subjects prostrate in my mouth, A generall fuit when we first flockt to you, And made first head with you at Fromagham, Twas thus concluded, that we your leigemen Should still enjoy our consciences, and vse that faith Which in King Edwards dayes was held Canonicall.

Winch: May't please your highnes note the Comons insolence

They tye you to conditions, and let lymits to your liking.

Quee: They shall know,

To whome their faithfull dutyes they doe owe, Synce they the lymbes, the head would seeke to sway,

Before they gouerne, they shall learne t'obay:

See it seuerely ordred Winchester.

Winch: Away with him, it shalbe throughly scand,

And you vppon the pillory, three dayes to stand. (Exit Dodds.

Ben: Has not your sister (Gracious Queene) a hand

In these peticions; well your highnes knowes

She is a fauorite of these heretiques.

Winch: And well remembred, is't not probable

That she in Wyats expedition,

And other insurrections lately queld,

Was a confederate; if yo ur highnes will your owne estate preserve,

You must foresee fore-danger, and cut off all such

As would your saftie preiudice.

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Bening: Such is your fifter,

A meere opposite to vs in our opinion, and besides Shees next Successive, should your maiesty dye yssules, Which heaven defend.

Omnes: Which heaven defend,

Bening: The state of our religion would decline.

Quee: My Lords of Tame and Shandoyse, You two shall have a firme Commission seal'd, To fetch our sister young Elizabeth From Ashbridge where shee lyes, and with a band Of armed souldiers to conduct her vp to London,

Where we will heare her.

Sentlo: Gratious Queene, she only craues but to behold your face, That she might cleare her selfe of all supposed treasons, Still protesting, she is as true a Subject to your Grace, As liues this day.

Winch: Doe not you heare, with what a sawcye impudence,

This Sentlow heere presumes.

Quee: Away with him, ile teach him know his place, To frowne when we frowne, smile on whome we grace.

Winch: Twilbe a meanes to keepe the rest in awe,

Making their soueraignes brow, to them a lawe.

Ouee: All those that seeke our sisters can se to fauour.

Quee: All those that seeke our sisters cause to fauour, Let them be lodged.

Winch: Young Courtney earle of Denonshire,

Seemes cheifly to affect her faction,

Quee: Commit him to the Tower,

Till time affordes vs and our Counsell breathing space.
Whence is that Post?

Whence is that Post?

Const: My Soueraigne, It is from Southampton.

Quee: Our Secretary, vnseale them and returne

Vs present answere of the contents;

Whats the mayne busines?

Const, That Phillip Prince of Spaine, Sonne to the Emperour, is safey ariu'd,

Audlanded at Southampton.

Quee: Prepare to meete him Lords with all our Pompe. How: Prepare you Lords with our fayre Queene to ride,

And

(She speakes to the

(Lo: Constable.

And his high princely state let no man hide,

Queen. Set forward Lord, this sudden newes is sweete,

Two royall Louers on the way may meete. Exeunt omnes.

Enter M. Gage, and a Gentlewomen.

Gage. Good morrow Mistresse, came you from the Princesse?

Wom: Master Gage, I did.

Gage. How faresher Grace?

Wom: O wondrous crazey, gentle master Gage,

Her sleepes are all vnquiet: and her head

Beats and growes giddy with continuall griefe.

Gage. God grant her comfort, and release her paine.

So good a Ladie few on earth remaine.

Enter the Clowne.

Clowne. O Arme, arme, arme.

Gage. How now what's the matter?

Clown: O Lord the house is beset, souldiers are as hote as fire,

Are ready to enter every hole about the house,

For as I was a'th toppe of the stacke, the sound of the drumme Hott me such a Box a'th Eare, that I came tumbling downe, The stacke with a thousand byllets a'th top on me, looke about,

And helpe for Gods sake.

Gage. Heaven guard the Princesse, grant that all be well,

This drumme I feare, will prooue her passing-bell.

Enter Tame and Shandoy fowith fouldiedrs, drum, &c.

Tame. Wher's the Princesse?

Gage. O my honor'd Lords,

(May I with reuerence presume to aske)

What meanes these armes: why doe you thus begirt,

A poore weake Lady, neere at point of death?

Shand: Resolue the Princesse we must speake with her.

Wom: My Lords, know there is no admirrance to her presence,

without the leave first granted from her seife.

Tame. Goe tell her, we must and will.

Wom Ile certifie so much.

Exit woman.

Gage: My Lords as you are honourably borne, As you did loue her father, or her brother,

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As you doe owe aleagence to the Queene, In pittie of her weaknes and low state, VVith best of fauour, her commisserate.

Enter Woman.

Wom: Her Grace intreases you but to stay till morne? And then your message shall be heard at full.

Shand: Tis from the Queene, and we will speake with her.

Wom: Ile certifie so much.

Tame: It shall not neede, presse after her my Lord.

Enter Elizateth in her bed, Doctor Owin,

and Doctor Wendith.

Eliz. VVe are not pleat'd with your intrusions Lords. Is your hast such, or your affaires so vegent,
That suddenly, and at this time of night,
You presse on me, and will not stay till morne?

Tame: Sorry wee are sweete Lady to behold you in this sad Eliz. And I my Lords not glad. (plight.

My heart, oh how it beats.

Shand: Madam, our messuage and our dutie from our Queene, VVe come to tender you: It is her pleasure,

That you the 7 day of this moneth appeare at Westminster.

Eliz. At Westminster? My Lords no soule more glad then I, To doe my duetie to her Maistie,

But I am forry at the heart, my heart, oh good Doctor rayse me ? Oh my heart, I hope my Lords, considering my extremitie and weaknes, you will dispence a little with your hast.

Tame. Doctor Owin, and Doctor Wenduh,

You are the Queenes Physicions truely sworne,

On your alleagance, as before her highnesse you will answere it, Speake, may the Princesse be remoon'd with life?

D.Owin. Not without danger Lords, yet without death, Her feauer is not mortall; yet you see into what danger It hath brought the Princesse.

Shand: Is your opinion fo?

D. Wend. My Iudgment is, not deadly, but yet dangerous, No sooner shall she come to take the ayre
But she will faint, and if not well prepar d and attended,
Her life is in much danger.

Tame:

Tame: Madam, we take no pleasure to deliuer

So strict a messuage.

Eliz. Nor I my Lords to heare a messuage deliuerd with such strictnes; well, must I goe?

Shand: So sayes the Queene.

Eliz. VVhy then it must be so?

Tame: To morrow earely then you must prepare.

Eliz: Tis many a morrow fince my feeble leggs,

Felt this my bodies waight: O Ishall faint,

And if I taste the rawnesse of the ayre, I am but dead, indeed I am but dead.

Tis late, conduct these Lords vnto their chambers,

And cheere them well, for they have iorneyd hard,

VVhil'st we prepare vs for our morrowes lorney.

Shand, Madam, the Queene hath sent her Litter for you.

Eliz. The Queene is kind, and we will striue with death,

To tender her our life,

VVe are her subject and obey her hest:

Good night, we wish you what we want,

Good rest. Exeunt omnes.

Enter Queene Mary, Philip, and all the Nobles; but Tame, and Shandoy se.

Queen: Thus in the face of heauen, and broad eye of all the We give a welcome to the Spanish Prince; (multitude,

Those plausiue shouts which give you entertaine,

Ecchoes as much to the Almighties eares,

And there they found with pleasure, and excels

The claymorous trumpets, and loud ringing bells.

Phil. Thrise excellent and euer gracious Princesse,

Doubly famous for vertue and for beautie,

We imbrace your large stretcht honors with the armes of loue;

Our royall Mariage, treated first in heauen

To be solemniz'dhere, both by Gods voyce,

And by our loues consent, we thus embrace:

Now Spaine and England two populous Kingdomes,

That have a long time been opposed

In hostile emulation, shall be at one:

This shalbe Spanish England, ours English Spaine.

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Queen. Harke the redoubling ecchoes of the people, (Florish, How it proclaymes their loues; and welcome to this Vnion.

Phil. Then here before the Pillars of the Land, We doe embrace and make a publique contract. Our soules are joyfull, then beight Heavens smile, Whil'st we proclayme our new vnited Scile.

Quee. Read Suffex.

Sussex reads.

Philip and Mary, by the grace of God, King and Queene of England, Spayne, France, and Ireland; King and Queene of Naples, Sciscillia, Leon & Aragon, Arch-duke & Dusches of Astria, Burgondy, of Brabant, Zeland, of Holland: Prince and Princesse of Sweaue, Count and Countesse Hasbundge, Maliorca, Sardinia, of the sirme Land, and the maine Ocean Sea; Palatins of Ierusalem, of Henolt; Lord and Lady of Freeleland, and of the Isles: And Gouernor and Gouernesse of all Africa, and Asia.

Omnes. Long live the King and Queene. A florish.

King, & Quee; We thanke you all.

Con: VVhen please your Highnesse to solemnize this your Nuptials?

Quee: The 25 day of this month July.

Phil: It likes vs well: but royall Queene we want

One Lady at this high solemnitie:

VVe haue a fister cal'd Elizabeth,

VVhose vertues and endowments of the mind,

Hath fil'd the eares of Spaine.

Winch. Great are the causes, now too long to say,

VVhy shee my Soueraigne should be kept away.

Con: The Lord of Tame, and Shandor se are return'd.

Enter Tame and Shandoyle, ana Gage.

Quee: How fales our Silter? Is the come along?

Tame: VVe found the Princesse sicke, and in great dangers

Yet did wevrge out ftrickt Comm ffion

She much intreated that she migh be spar'd,

Vntill her health and ftrength may be reftor'd.

Shan. Two of your Highnesse Doctors we then cal'd,

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And charg'd them, as they would answere it, To tell the truth, if that our journeys toyle Might be no prejudice vnto her life; Or if we might with safetie bring her thence: They answered, that we might; we did so, Here she is, to doe her dutie to your Maiestie.

Quee: Let her attend, we will find time to heare her.

Phil. But royall Queene, yet for her vertues sake,

Deeme her offences, if she haue offended,

With all the lenitie a Sister can.

Que: My Lord of Winchester, my Lord of Sussex,

Lord Howard, Tame, and Shandoyse, Take you Commission to examine her

Of all supposed Crimes; so to our Nuptials.

Than twixt Spaines Prince, and Englands Royall Queene.

Enter Elizabeth, her Gentlewoman, and Exeunt.

three Houshol servants.

Eliz. Is not my Gentleman Vsher yet return'd?

Wom. Madam, not yet.

Eliz: O God, my feare hath been good phisicke,
But the Queens displeasure, that hath cur'd my bodies imperfeHath made me hart sick, brain sick, & sick euen to death: (Stion)

What are you?

Your hushold Officers, and humble seruants, Who now your house faire Princesse is dissolu'd.

And quite broke vp, come to attend you grace.

Ebz: We thanke you, and am more indebted for your loues, Than we have power, or vertue to requite,

Alas I am all the Queens, yet nothing of my felfe,

Ber God and Innocence, be you my Patrons & defend my cause.

Why weepe you Gendemen?

Cookes. Not for our felues, men are nor made to weepe

Actheir owne fortunes, our eyes are made of fire,

And to extract water from fire is hard.

Nothing but fuch a Princeffe griefe as yours,

Sogood a Ladie, and so beautifull, so absolute a Mistresse,

And perfect, as you have ever been,

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Haue power to do't, your forrow makes vs sad.

Eliz: My Innocence yet makes my heart as light,
As my front's heauie: all that heauen sends is welcome.

Gentlemen divide these few crownes amongst you,
I am now a prisoner, and shall want nothing,
I haue some friends about her Maiestie,
That are providing for me all things, all things:
I, even my grave, and being possest of that,
I shall need nothing; weepe not I pray,
Rather you should reioyce:
If I miscarrie in this enterprise, and aske you why,
A Virgine and a Martyr both I die.

Enter Gage.

Gage. He that first gaue you life, protect that life,
From those that wish your death.

Eliz: Whats my offence? who be my accusers?

Gage. Madam, that the Queen and Winchester best knowes.

Eliz. What sayes the Queene vnto my late petition?

Gage. You are deny'd that grace:

Her Maiestie will not admit you conference, Sir William Sentlo virging that motion.

Was first committed, since sent to the Tower.

Madam, in briefe your foes are the Quenes friends,

Your friends her foes,

Six of the Counsell are this day appointed,

To examine you of certaine Articles.

Eliz: They shalbe welcome; my God in whome I trust, Will helpe, deliver, saue, defend the iust.

Enter Winchester, Sussex, Howard, Tame, Shandoyse, and Constable.

Suff: All forbeare this place vnlesse the Princesse.

Winch: Madam, we from the Queene are joyn'd (They sit: in full Commission. (She kneels.)

Suss: By your fauour good my Lord ere you proceed, Madam, although this place doth tye you to this reverence, It becomes not you being a Princesse, to deiect your knee, A chaire there.

Eliz: My dutie with my fortunes doe agree,

And

And to the Queene in you I bend my knee.

Suff: You shall not kneele where Suffex sits in place,

The Chamber keeper, a chaire there for her Grace.

Winch: Madani, perhaps you censure hardly,

That twas enfoc't in this Commission.

Eliz: Know you your owne guilt my good Lord Chancellor,

That you accuse your selfe, I thinke not so,

I am of this minde, no man is my foe.

Winch: Madam, I would you wold submit vnto her highnes.

Eliz: Submit my Lord of Winchester, tis sit

That none but base offenders should submit,

No no my Lord, I casily spie your drift,

Hauing nothing whereon you can accuse me,

Doe seeke to haue my selfe, my selfe betray,

So by my selfe my owne blood should be spile.

Confesse submission, I confesse a guilt.

Tame. What answere you to Wiats late rebellion.

Madam, tis thought that you did set them on.

Eliz: Who is't will fay fo? men may much suspect,

But yet my Lord, none can my life detect,

I a confederate with those kentish rebels?

If I ere saw or sent to them, let the Queene take my head,

Hath not proud Wyat suffered for his offence?

And in the purging both of soule and bodie for heaven,

Did Wyat then accuse Elizabeth?

Suff: Madam, he did not.

Eliz: My reuerent Lord I know it;

How: Madam, he would not.

Elize Oh my good Lord, he could not.

Suff: Tite fan e day Frogmorton was arrain'd in the Guild-hall,

It was imposed on him, whether this Princesse had ahand

With him or no; he did denie it,

Cleer'd her fore his death, yet accus'd others.

Eliz: My God be pray I'd, this is newes but of a minute old.

Shand. What answere you to Sir Peter Caremin the west,

The westerne Rebels.

Eliz. Aske the vnborne Infant, see what that will answere,

For that and I, are both alike in guilt.

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Let not by rigour innocent bloud be spilt.

Winch: Come Madam, answere briefely to these treasons.

Eliz: Treason my Lords, if it be treason to be daughter To th'Eight Henrie, Sister to Edward, and the next of blood vn-to my gratious Soueraigne now the Queene, I am a Traitor: If not, I spit at treason.

In Henries raigne this law could not have stood, O God that we should suffer for our blood.

Const. Madam, the Queen must heare you sing another song Before, you part with vs.

Eliz: My God doth know, I can no note but truth,

That with Heauens King

One day in quiers of Angels Ishall fing.

Winch. Then Madam, you'le not submit,

Eliz. My life I will, but not as guiltie: My Lords, let pale offendors pardon craue,

If we offend, Law's rigour let vs haue.

Winch: You are stubborne, come let's certifie the Queene.

Tame. Rowme for the Lords there.

Exeunt

Eliz: Thou power eternall, Innocents iust guide, (Counsell.

That swayes the Scepter of all Monarchies, Protect the guiltlesse from these rauening lawes,

That hidious death presents, by Tyrants lawes, And as my heart is to thee most pure,

Graunt me release, or patience to endure.

Enter Gage and Servants.

Gage. Madam, we your poore humble seruants, Made bold to prese into your Graces presence,

To know how your cause goes.

Eliz: Well, well, I thanke my God, well,

How can a cause goe ill with Innocents,

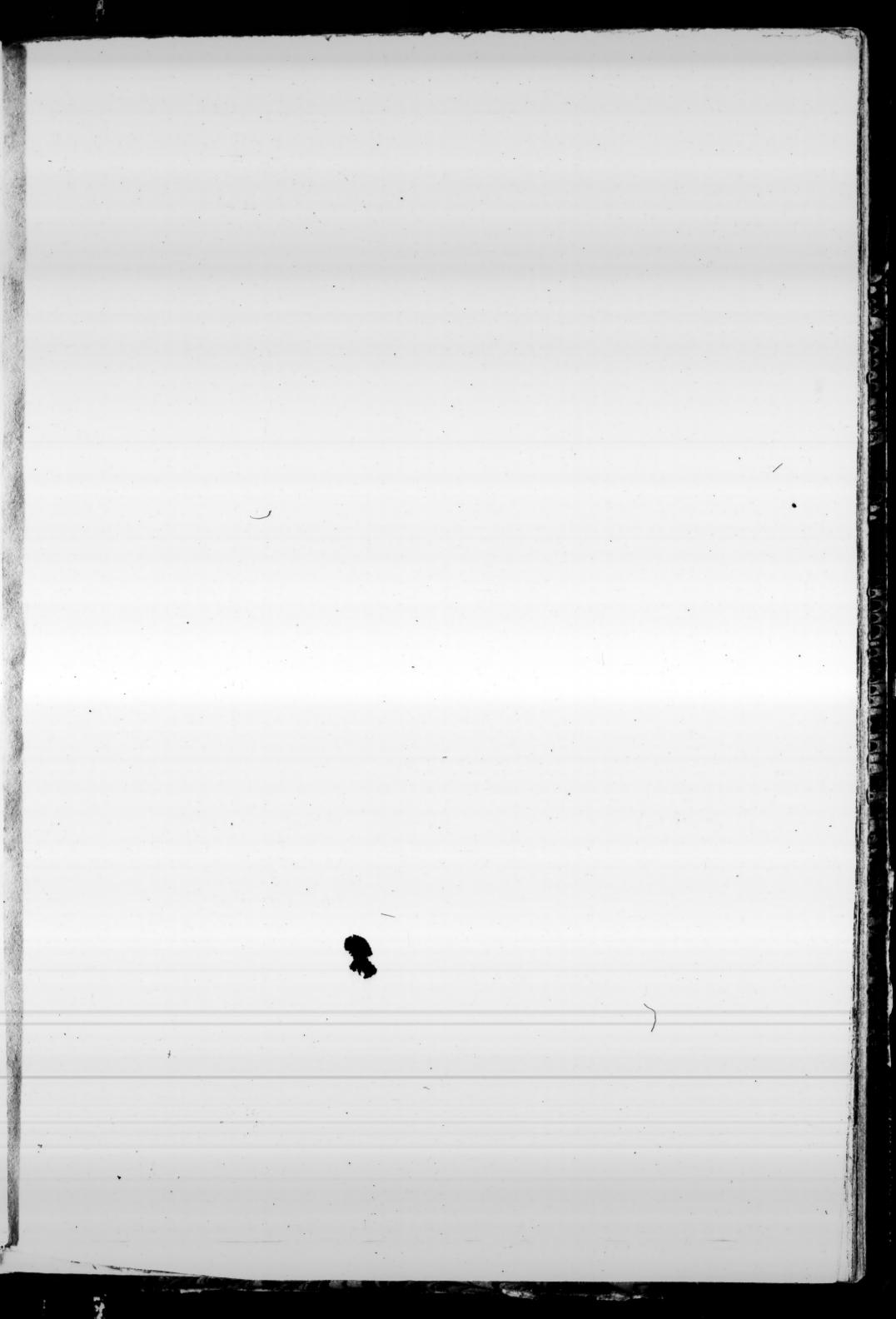
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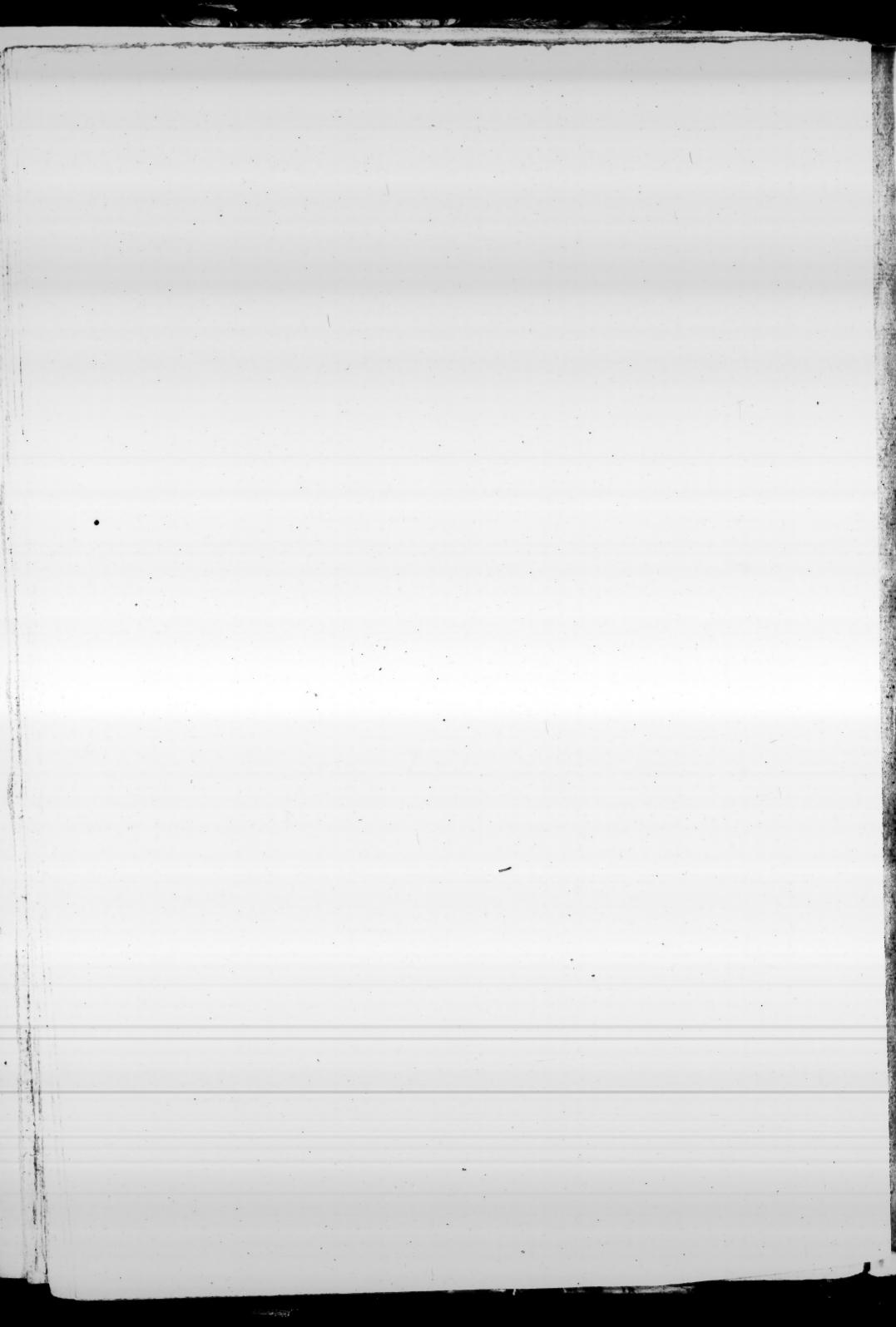
Shalbe rewarded in the world to come.

Enter the fix Counsellors.

Winch: It is the pleasure of her Maiestie, That you be straight committed to the Tower.

Eliz: The Tower! for what? (ged, Winch: Moreouer all your houshold servants we have dichar-Except





Thus did the Queene commaund, And for your guard, a hundred Northen white cotes Are appoynted to conduct you thither, To night ruto your chamber, to morrow early prepare

You for the Tower, your bardge stands ready To conduct you thyther.

Shee kneels. Quee: Oh god my hart: A prisoner in the Tower, Speake to the Queene my Lords, that some other place

May lodge her sister, that's too vild, too base.

Suff: Come my Lords, lett's all ioyne in one petcion

To the Queene, that she may not be lodg'd within the Tower.

Winch: My Lord, you know it is in vaine,

For the Queenes sentence is definitiue,

And we must see't perform'd.

Eliz: Then to our chamber comfortlesse and sad,

To morrow to the Tower that fatall place,

Where I shall never behold the sunnes bright face.

Suss: Now god forbid, a better hap heauen send:

Thus men may mourne for what they cannot mend.

Enter three white-cote souldiers with a Iack of beere.

1: Come my masters you know your chardge, tis now about A leaven, here we must watche till morning, And then carry the Princesse to the tower.

2: How shall we spend the time till morning?

3: Masse weele drinck and talke of our frendes.

2: I but my fiende, do not talke of state matters.

1: Not I, ile not meddle with the state, I hope this a man may fay without offence, Prethee drincke to me.

3: With all my hart yfayth, this a man might lawfully speake,

But now, faith what wast about to say.

1: Masse I say this; That the Lady Elizabeth is both a Lady, And Elizabeth, and if I should say she were a vertuous Princesse, Were there any harme in that?

2: No by my troth, ther's no harme in that, But beware of talking of the Princelle, Let's meddle with our kindred, there we may be bold,

1: Well

(Exeunt

(Omnes.

And would not send her to prison for a million, is there any harme. In this? ile keepe my selfe within compas I warrant you, For I do not talke of the Queene, I talke of my sisters, Ile keepe my selfe within my compas I warrant you.

3: I but Sir, that word fifter goes hardly downe.

1: Why Sir, I hope a man may be bold with his owne, I learn'd that of the Queene, ile keepe my selfe within compas Ile warrant you.

2: I but Sir, why is the Princesse committed?

It may be the Queene knows not the cause,
It may be my lord of Winchester does not know,
It may be so, nothings unpossible to god,
It may be ther's knauery in Monckery,
Ther's nothing unpossible, is there any harme in that?

2: Shoomaker, you goe alittle beyond your last.

I: Why, in faying nothing's unpossible to god,
I'e stand to it; for faying a truth's a truth, ile prooue it;
For saying there may be knauery in Monckery, ile iustysse it,
I do not say there is, but may be, I know what I know,
You know what you know, he knowes what he knowes,
Marry we know not what every may knowes.

3: My masters, we have talkt so long that I thinke tis day.

1: Ithinke so too, is there any harme in all this?

2: No harme ith world.

3: And I thinke by this time the Princesse is ready

To take her barge.

I: Come then let's goe, would all were well,
Is there any harme in all this? but alas wishes and teares
Haue both one property, they shew their loue that
want the remedy.

(Exennt (Omnes.

Enter Winchester and Bening sield.

Winch: Did you not marke what a pitious eye she cast.

To the Queenes window as she past a long?

Fayne she would have stayd, but that I caus'd

The bargmen to make hast and row away.

Bening: The bargemen were too desperate my Lord,

In staying till the water was so lowe, For then you know, being vnderneath the bridge, The barges sterne did strike vpon the ground, And was in danger to haue dround vs all. Winch: Well she hath scapt that danger, Would she but conforme her selfe in her opinion,

She only might rely vpon my loue,

To winne her to the fauour of the Queene.

Bening: Butthat will neuer be, this is my censure, If she be guitly in the least degree, May all her wronges surviue and light on her: If other wayes that she be cleered, Thus both wayes I wishher downe, Or els her state to rayse.

Enter Suffex, Tame, Howard, Shandoy se, and Gage.

Suff: Why doth the Princesse keepe her barge so longe,

Whylands she not? Some one goe see the cause.

Gage: That shall be my charge my Lord. (Exit Gage.

Suss: Ohme my Lords, her state is wondrous hard,

I have seene the day, my hand ide not have lent To bring my Soueraignes Sister to the Tower:

Goodmy Lords, stretch your commission

To do this Princesse but some little fauour.

Shan: My Lord, my lord, let not the loue we beare the Princesse, Incurre the Queenes displeasure, tis no dallying with matters of

Estate, who dares gaine-say the Queene? Suff: Marry a God not I, no, no, not I;

Yet who shall hinder these my eyes to sorrow

For her forrow: By Gods marry deere,

That the Queene could not, though her felfe were heere:

My Lords, my Lords, if it were held fowletreason,

To grieue for her hard vsage, by my soule

My eyes would hardly prooue me a true subject:

But tis the Queenes pleasure, and we must obay:

But I shall mourne, should the King and Queene say nay.

Enter Gage.

Gage: My grieued Mistresse humbly thus intreata,

For

Forto remooue backe to the Common stayres, And not to land where Traytors put to shore, Some d'fference she intreates your Honors make Twixe Christall Fountayne, and fowle muddy Springs, Twixt those that are condemned by the law, And those whome Treasons staine did neuer blemish: Thus she attends your answere, and sits still Whilst her wet eyes full many a teare dyd spill.

Suff: Marry a God, tis true and tis no reason; Lanch Bargeman, Good Lady, land where Traytors vie to land, And fore her guilt be proou'd, Gods marry no. And the Queene wils it, that it should be so.

Shan: My Lord, you must looke into our Commission, No fauo'rs granted, she of force must land, Tis a decree which we cannot withstand, Exit Gage.

So tell her master Gage. Suff: As good a Lady as ere England bread, Would he that caus'd this woe, had lost his head.

Enter Gage, Elizabeth and Clarentia her gentlewoman.

Gige: Madam, you have stept too short into the water.

Eliz: No matter where I cread,

Would where I fet my foote, there lay my head, Land Traytor-like; my foot's wet in the flood, So shall my heart ere long be drenche in blood. Enter Constable.

Winch: Here comes the Constable of the Tower, This is your charge.

Conft: And I receive my prisoner, come will you goe? Eliz: Whither my Lord, vnto a grate of Iron,

Where greife and care my poore hart shall enuiron, I am not well.

Suss: A chayre for the Princesse.

Const. Here's no chayre for prisoners,

Come will you fee your chamber.

Eliz: Then on this stone this cold stone will I sit, I needes must say you hardly me intreate, When for a chayre, this hard stone is my feate.

Suss: My Lord, you deale too cruelly with the Princesse, You knew her father, shee's no stranger to you.

Tame: Madam it raynes.

Sufs: Good Lady take my cloake.

Eliz: No let it alone: See gentle-men,

The pitious heauens weepes teares into my bosome,

On this cold stone I sit, raine in my face, But better heere, than in a worser place

Where this bad man will lead me.

Clarentia: Reach my booke, now leade me where you please

From fight of day; or in a dungeon; I shall see to pray.

Suss: Nay, nay, you need not bolt and locke so fast, Ezit Eliz: Shee is no starter; honorable Lords, Gage: Claren:

Speake to the Queene she may have some release.

Consta:

Enter Constable.

Const: So, so, let me alone, let me alone to coope her, Ile vse her so, the Queene shall much commend My diligent care.

How: Where have you lest the Princesse?

Const: Where she is safe ynough I warrant you,

I have not graunted her the priviledge Of any walke, or garden, or to ope

Her windowes, casements to receive the ayre,

Suss: My Lord, my lord, you deale without respect,

And worse than your Comnission can maintane.

Const: My Lord, I hope I know my office well,

And better than your selfe within this place,

Then teach not me my dutie, she shalbe vsd so still,

The Queene commaunds, and ile obay her will,

Suss: But if this time should alter, marke me well, Could this be answer'd, could it sellows Peeres? I thinke not so.

Const. Tush, tush, the Queene is yong likely to beare Ofher owne body a more royall heyre.

Enter Gage.

Gage: My Lords the Princesse humbly entreats,
That her owne servants may beare up her dyet;
A company of base uncuroid slaves,

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Whose hands did neuer serue a Princesse boord, Doe take that priviledge.

Const: Twas my appoint ment, and it shall be so.
Suss: Gods marry deere, but it shall not be,
Lord Howard joyne with me, weele to the king.

Enter Souldiers with dishes.

Gage. Stay good my Lords for instance, see they come, If this be seemely, let your honours judge.

Suff. Come, come my Lords, why doe we stay so long,

The Queenes high fauour shall amend this wrong.

Const: Now sir, what have you got by your Exeunt omnes, complaying, you common finde-fault; what, is prater consta.

complayning, you common finde-fault; what, is your Mittresse stomacke so queasie? our honest souldiers must not touch her meat, then let her fast: I know her stomacke will come downe at last.

Enter souldiers with more dishes, Gage takes one from them.

Gage. Vntutor'd slaue, lie ease thee of this burthen, Her highnesse scornes to touch the dishe Her servants brings not vp.

Where thou shalt see no sunne for one whole yeare: Exit: Const: Gage: I would to God you would, in any place of souldiers.

Where I might live from thought of her difgrace.
O thou all-seeing heavens, with pitious eyes,
Looke on th'oppressions of their crueltie!
Let not thy truth, by falshoold be oppress,
But let her vertues shyne and give her rest,
Confound the sleights, and practise of those mem,
Whose pride doe kicke against thy seat of heaven.
Oh draw the courtaines from their filthy sinne,
And make them loath the hell which they live in.
Prosper the Princesse, and her life defend,
A glorious comfort to her troubles send.
If ever thou hadst pitie, heare my prayer,
And give releasement to a Princes care.

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Exit Gage.

A dumbe

and Gage.

A dumbe show. Enter sixe with Torches.

Tame and Shandoyse, bare-headed, Philip and Mary after them: then Winchester, Bening sield, and Attendants: at the other doore Sussex & Howard, Sussex delivers a petition to the king, the king shewes it to the Queene, she shews it to Winchester and to Bening sield: they storme, the king whispers to Sussex, and raises him and Howard, gives them a petitio; they take their leaves and depart, the king whispers a little to the Queene.

Exeunt.

Enter Constable and Gage.

Gage: The Princesse thus intreats you honor'd Lord, She may but walke in the lifetenants garden, Orels repose her selfe in the Queenes Lodgings: My honor'd Lord, grant this as you did loue The famous Henry her deceased father.

Coust. Come, talke not to me for I am resolu'd, Nor lodging, garden, nor lieftenants walkes Shall here be granted, shee's a prisoner.

Gage. My Lord, they shall.

Const. How, shall they knaue?

A noble and right reuered Counsellor,
Promist to begge it of her Maiestie:

And if the say the word, my Lord she shall, Const. 1, if she say the word, it shall be so: My Lord of Winckester speakes the contrary, So do the Clergie they are honest men.

Gage: My honor'd Lord, why should you take delight.
To torture a poore Lady innocent?
The Queene I know when she shall heare of this.

Will greatly discommend your ctueltie.
You seru'd her father, and he lou'd you well,
You seru'd her brother, and he held you deare,
And can you hate the sister hee best lou'd?
You serue her sister, she esteemes you hie,
And you may liue to serue her ere you dye:
And therefore good my Lord, let this preuaile,
Onely, the casements of her window ope.

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Const: O you preach well to deafe men! no, not I;
So letters may fly in, Ile none of that,
She is my prisoner, and if I durst,
But that my warrant is not yet so strickt,
Ide lay her in a dungeon where her eyes
Should not have light to read her prayer booke;
So would I danger both her soule and body,
Cause she an alyen is to vs chatholiques,
Her bed should be all snakes, her rest dispayre,
Torture should make her curseher faithles prayer.

Enter Sussex, Howard, and servants.

Suss: My lord, it is the pleasure of the Queene,
The prisoner Pr ncesse should have all the vse
Of the lieftenants garden, the Queens lodgings,
And all the libertyes this place affords.

Const: What meanes her grace by that?

Suss: You may goe aske her and you will my Lord; Moreouer tis her highnes furder pleasure, That her sworne servants shall attend on her, Two gentlemen of her Ewry, two of her Pantry, Two of her Kitchin, and two of her wardrobe, Besides this gentleman here master Gage.

Const: The next wilbe her freedome, oh this madds me.

How: Which way lyes the Princesse.

Const: This wayniy Lord.

How: This wilbe glad tydings; come let's tell her grace.

Gage: Wilt please your honor, let my Lady (Exunt omnes Walke in the leistenants garden, (preter Constable & Gage.

Or may but see the lodgings of the Queene,
Or ope the casements to receive siesh ayre,
Shall she my Lord? shall she this freedome vse?
She shall: for you can neither will nor chuse.
Or shall she have some servants of her owne?
To attend on her? I pray let it be so:

And let your looke no more poore prisoners daunt,

I pay deny not what you needes must graunt.

Exit Gage.

Const: This base groome flowers me, oh this frets my heart!

These

These knaues will iet vpon their priuiledge,
But yet ile vexe her, I haue sound the meanes:
Ile haue my Cookes to dresse my meat with hers,
And euery officer my men shall match,
O that I could but draine her hearts deare blood,
Oh it would feed me, doe my soule much good.

Enter the Clowne beating a souldier; & Exeunt.
Then enter the Cooke beating another.

Conft. How now, what meane the fellow?

Cooke. Audacious slaue presuming in my place.

Const: Sir, t'was my pleasure, and I did command it.

Cooke. The proudest he that keepes within the Tower,

Shall have no eye into my private office.

Const: No fir; why? fay tis 1.

Cooke. Be it your selfe or any other here, Ile make him suppe the hotsest broth I haue.

Const. You will not.
Cooke: Zounds I will:

Ihaue beene true to her, and will be still. Exit Cooke.

Const: Well, Ile haue this amended er't be long,

And venge my selfe on her for all their wrong. Ex. omnes,

Enter a Boy with a Nose-gay:

Boy. I haue got another Nose-gay for my yong Lady, My Lord said I should be soundly whipt

If I were scene to bring her any more,

But yet ile venture once againe, she is so good,

Oh heer's her chamber, Ile call and see if she be stirring,

Where are you Lady? Enter Fliz.

Eliz. Welcome sweet boy, what hast thou brought me there?

Boy. Madam, I haue brought you another Noic-gay,

But you must not let it be seen, for if it be,

Ishall be foundly whipt, indeedla, indeed Ishall.

Eliz. God a mercie boy, heer's to requite thy loue. Exit Eliz.

Enter Constable, Sussex, Howard, and Attendants.

Const: Stay him, stay him: oh haue I caught you sir,

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Boy: To carry my yong Lady some more flowers.

How: Alas my Lord a child, pray let him goe.

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Eliz: They keepe euen Infants from vs, they doe well, My fight they have too long bard, and now my smell: This Tower hath made metall to huswiffry, I spend my labours to releeve the poore,

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Win: Madan, the Queene out of her royall bountie, Hath freed you from the thraldome of the tower, And now this Gentleman must be your gardyan. I thanke her, she hath ryd me of a Tyrant. Is he appointed now to be my keeper? What is he Lords?

Tame: A Gentleman in fauour with the Queene: Eliz: It seemes so by his charge: but tell me Gage,

Is yet the Scaffold standing on Tower hill,

Whereon yong Gilford and the Lady I ane did suffer death?

Gage: Vpon my life it stands not. Eliz: Lord Howard, what is he?

How: A Gendeman, tho of a sterne aspect, Yet milde enough I hope your Grace will finde.

Eliz. Hath he not thinke you a stretch't conscience, And if my secret murder should be put into his hands,

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Bening. Harke, harke my Lord, what Bels are these? Gage: The Townes-men of this village,

Hearing your highnesse passe this way,

Salutes your comming with a peale of Bels.

Bening. Traytors and knaues, ring Bels

When the Queenes enemy passeth through the Towne, Goe set the knaues by th heeles, make their pates ring noone,

I charge thee Barwick. Exit Barwick.

Eliz: Alas poore men, helpe them thou God aboue,

Thus men are forst to suffer for my lour,

VVhat sayd my servants, those that stand a oofe?

Gage. They deeply coniur'd me out of their loues,

To know how your case goes, which these poore people second.

Eliz. Say vnto them Tanquam Ouis.

Bening. Come away, this lingring will be-night vs.

Tame. Madam, this night your lodging's at my house,

No prisoner are you Madam for this night.

Bening. How, no prisoner?

Tame. No, no prisoner, what I intend to doe, ile answere.

Madam, wil't please you goe? Exit Eliz. Bening, & Tame.

Cooke: Now gentle Master Vsher, what sayes my Lady?

Gage. Thus did she bid me say, tanquam Ouis,

Farewell, I must away.

1. Tangus Ovrus, pray what's tangus Ourus neighbour?

Exit Gage.

2. If the Paest were here hee'd smell it out straight.

Cooke: My selfe hath been a Scholler, and I understand

What tanguam Ours meanes,

VVe sent to know how her Grace did fare,

She tanguam Ouis said, euen like a sheep

That's to the flaughter led.

I. Tangus Ovrus, that I should live to see, tangus Ovris!

2. I shall neuer loue tanquam Ovris againe, for this tricke.

Exeunt omnes.

Enter Beningfield and Barwick his man.

Bening: Barnick, is this the chaire of State?

Bar: Ifir, This is it.

Bening: Take it downe, and pull off my boots.

Bar: Come on fir.

Enter

Enter Clowne.

Clow: O monstrous! what a sawsie companion's this? To pull of his bootes in the chayre of state; Ile sit you a penyworth for it.

Bening: Well said Barwick, pull knaue.

Bar: A ha Sir. The Clown pulls the chayre away.

Bening: Well fayd, now't comes.

Clo: Gods pitty, I thinke you are downe, cry you marcy.

Bening: What faucy arrant Knaue art thou, how?

Clo: Not so sawcy an arrant knaue as your worship takes me to be.

Bening: Vi lain, thou hast broke my crooper. Clo: I am forry 'tis no worse for your worship.

Bening: Knaue, dost flout me? He beats him, Exeunt,

Enter the Engl shman & Spaniard.

Spa: The wall, the wall,

Eng: Sblood Spaniard, you get no wall here, vnlesse you would have your head and the wall knockt together.

Spa: Seignior Caualero Danglatero,

I must have the wall.

Eng: I doe protest, hadst not thou enforst it, I had not regarded it, but since you will needs Haue the wall, Ile take the paines to thrust You into the kennell.

Spa: Obase Cauelero, my sword and ponyard well Try'd in Tolledo, shall give thee the Imbrocado.

Eng: Marry and welcome sir, come on. They fight.

Spa; Holo, holo, thou hast giuen me he hurts the Spa-Tho Canuissado.

Eng: Come fir, will you any more?

Spa: Seignior Cauelero looke behin't thee, A blade of Tolledo is drawne against thee.

He lookes back, he kills hims

Enter Philip, Howard, Sussex, Constable, and Gresham.

Phil. Hand that Ignoble groome, Had we not beheld thy cowardize, We should have sworne,

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Such basenesse had not followed vs.

Spa: Oh vostro mandado grand Emperato.

How: Pardon him my Lord.

That you would have vs bosome cowardice,
I doe protest, the great Turkes Emperie
Shall not redeeme thee from a fellons death:

What place is this my Lords?

Suff: Charing Crosse my Leige.

Phill. Then by this crosse where thou hastdone this murder, Thou shalt be hang'd, so Lords away with him. Exit Spaniard.

Suff: Your Grace may purchase glory from aboue,

And intyer loue from all your peoples hearts,

To make attone ment twixt the wofull Princesse

And our dread soueraigne, your most vertuous Queene.

How: It were a deed worthy of memorie.

Const. My Lord she's factious, rather could I wish She were married to some private Gentleman, And with her dower convayd out of the land, Then here to stay and be a mutiner, So may your highnesse state be more secure:

For whilst she lives, warres and commotions, Foule insurrections will be set abroch.

I thinke twere not a misse to take her head:

This Land would be in quiet were she dead.

Suff: O my Lord you speake not charitably.

Phil: Nor will we Lords embrace his heedles counsell.

I doe protest as I am king of Spaine,

My vimost power ile streich to make them friends,

Come Lords let's in, my loue and wit ile try

To end this iarre; the Queene shall not deny. Exeunt.

Enter Elizabeth, Bening field, Clarentia, Tame, Gage and Barwicke.

Eliz. What fearefull terror doth assaile my heart? Good Gage come hither and resolue me true In thy opinion; shall I out-like this night? I pre thee speake.

Gage: Out liue this night, I pray Madam why?

Eliz: Then to be plaine, this night I looke to die.

Gage. O Madam, you were borne to better fortunes:
That God that made you, will protect you still

From all your enemies that wish you ill.

Eliz: My heart is fearefull.

Gage. Omy honor'd Lord,

As cuer you were noble in your thoughts,

Speake, shall my Ladie out-live this night, or no?

Tame. You much amaze me sir, else heauen foresend.

Gage. For if we should: imagine any plot, Pretending to the hurt of our deere Mistresse, I and my fellowes though farre vnable are To stand against your power, will die together.

Tame. And I with you would spend my deerest blood,

To doe that vertuous Ladie any good. Sir Harrie, now my charge I must resigne, The Ladie's wholly in your custodie,

Yet vse her kindly as she well deserues, And so I take my leave, Madam adue.

Eliz. My honor'd Lord farewell, vnwilling I

With griefe and woe must continue,

Helpe me to some inke and paper good Sir Harrie.

Bening: What to doe Madam?

Eliz: To write a letter to the Queene my Sifter.

Bening: I finde not that in my Commission. Eliz: Good Iaylor vrge not thy Commission.

Bening: No Iaylor, but your Guardian Madam.

Eliz: Then reach me pen and inke.

Bening: Madam I dare not, my Commission serues not. Eliz: Thus you have driven me off from time to time,

Still vrging me with your Commission.

Good laylor be not so seuere.

Bening: Good Madam I entreat you loofe that name Of Iaylor, twilbe a by-word to me and my posteritie,

Eliz: As often as you name your Commission,

So often will I call you Taylor.

Bening. Say I should reach you pen, inke and paper, Who ist dare beare a letter sent from you?

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Eliz: I doe not keepe a seruant so dishone st.

That would deny me that.

Bening: Who euer dares, none shall.

Gage. Madame, impose the Letter to my trust, Were I to beare it through a field of pikes, And in my way ten thousand arm'd men ambusht, Ide make my passage through the mid'st of them, And persorce beare it to the Queene your sister.

Bening: Baddy of me, what a bould knaue's this?

Eliz: Gage leaue me to my selfe:

Thou euerliuing power that guid'st all harts, Giue ro my pen a true perswasiue stile,

That it may moue my impacient sisters eares, And vrge her to compassionate my woe.

Shee writes:

Bening field takes a booke and lookes into it.

Bening: What ha's she written here? He reads.

Much suspected by me, nothing proou'd can be:

Finis quoth Elizabeth the Prisoner.

Marry a God; what's here an English bible?

Sanctum Maria, pardon this prophanation of my heart, Water Barwick, water, Ile meddle with't no more.

Eliz: My heart is heavie, and mine eyes doe close, I am wearie with writing, sleepy on the sudden, Clarentia, leave me, and command some musicke

In the with-drawing chamber.

Bening: Your Letter shall be foorth comming Ladie,

I will peruse it ere it scape me now.

Exit Bening.

A Dumbe Show.

Enter Winchester, Constable, Barwick, and Fryars: at the other dore, 2. Angels: the Fryars steps to her, offering to kill her: the Angels drive them back. Exeunt. The Angel opens the Bible, & puts it in her hands; Exeunt Angels: shee wakes.

Eliz: O God, how pleasant was this sleepe to mel

Clarentia, saw'st thou nothing?

Cla: Madame, not I;

I neare lept soundlier for the time.

Eliz. Nor herd'st thou nothing?

Cla: Neither Madame.

Eliz. Did'st not thou put this Booke into my hand?

Cla: Madam not I.

Eliz: Then twas by inspiration, heaven I trust

With his eternall hand, will guide the iuft.

What Chapt'rs this? Who so putteth bis trust in the Lord,

Shall not be confounded:

My Sauiour thankes, on thee my hope I build, Thou lou'st poore Innocents, and art their shield.

Enter Bening field, and Gage.

Bening: Here haue you writ a long excuse it seemes,

But no submission to the Queene your sister.

Eliz: Should they submit that neuer wrought offence?

The lawe will alwaies quit wrong'd Innocence:

Gage, take my letter, and to the Lords commend my humble duty.

Gage: Madam I flie,

To give this letter to her Maiestie:

Hoping when I recurne,

To give you comfort that now sadly mourne. (Exeunt omnes Bening: I doe write and send, lle crosse you still; (preter Ben:

She shall not speake to any man aliue,

But Ile ore-heare her, no letter nor no token

Shall neuer haue accesse vnto her hands,

But first Ile see it;

So like a subject to my Soueraignes state,

I will pursue her with my deadly hate.

Enter Clowne.

Clowne: O Sir Harry, you looke well to your office,

Yonders one in the Garden with the Prince.

Bening: How knaue, with the Princesse? she parted even now,

Clowne. I fir, that's all one, but she no sooner came into the

Garden, but he leapt ore the wall, and there

They are together busie in talke Sir.

Bening: Heer's for thy paines, thou art an honest fellow:

Goe take a Guard and apprehend them straight. (Exit Clowne

Bring them before me,

O this well found out,

Now will the Queene commend my diligent care,

And praise me sor my seruice to her Grace.

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Ha, traytors swarme so necre about my house,
Tis time to looke into't;
O well sayd Barnicke,
Wher's the Prisoner?

Enter Clowne, Barwick, and Souldiers, leading of a Goat, his sword drawne.

Clow: Here he is in a string my Lord.

Bening: Lord bleffe vs, knaue what hast thou there?

Clow: This is he I told you was busie in talke with the Princesse:

What a did there, you must get out of him by examination.

Bening: VVhy knaue, this is a beaft.

Clo: So may your worship be for any thing I know,

Bening: What art thou knaue?

Clow. If your worship does not remember me,

Thope your worships crooper doth:

But if you have any thing to say to this honest fellow, Who for his gray head and reverent beard is so like,

He may be a kinne to you.

Bening: A kinne to me, knaue Ile haue thee whipt, Clow: Then your worship will crie quittance with my

Posteriors for misvsing of yours.

Bening: Nay, but doest thou flout me still?

(He beats him.

Enter Winchester Gresham with paper, Constable with a Purseuant.

Gress: I pray your Honor to regard my hast.

Winch: I know your bufineffe, and your hatt shall stay,

As you were speaking my Lord Constable.

Const: When as the King shall come to seale these writs. Gresh: My Lord you know his highnesse treasure staies,

And cannot be transported this three months, Vnlesse that now your honor seale my warrant.

Winch. Fellow what then? This warrant that concernes. The Princesse death, shuffle in amongst the rest,

Hee'le nere peru'ft.

Gress: How, the Princesse death? thanks heaven, By whome I am made a willing instrument her life to saue, That may live crown'd when thou art in thy grave.

Wmak:

Winch: Stand readie purseuant,

(Exit Greferior

That when tis fign'd,

Thou mayst be gone, and gallop with the winde.

Enter Phillip, Suffex, and Gage.

Phil. Our Chancellor Lords, this is our fealing day,

This our states businesse; is our signer there?

Enter Howard, and Gresham as he is sealing.

How. Stay your Imperiall hand, let not your seale imprint

Deaths impresse in your sisters heart.

Phil. Our sisters heart! Lo: Howard what meanes this?

How: The Chancellor and that iniurious Lord,

Can well expound the meaning.

Winch: Oh chance accurst, how cam he by this notice?

Her life is guarded by the hand of heaven,

And we in vaine pursue it.

Phil: Lord Chancellor, your dealing is not faire,

See Lords, what writs affords it selfe

To the impresse of our seale.

Suff: See my Lord, a warrant for the Princesse death

Before she be conuicted, what iugling call you this?

See, see for Gods sake.

Gage: And a Purseuant readie to post away with it,

To see it done with speed,

What flintie breast could brooke to see herbleed?

Phil: Lord Chancellor, out of our prerogatiue

We will make bold to enterline your warrant.

Suff: VVhose plot was this?

How: The Chancellors, and my Lord Constables.

Suff: How was't reueald?

How: By this Gentleman master Gresham the Kings Agent here.

Suff: He hath shewed his love to the King and Queens maiestie,

His service to his Countrey, and care of the Princesle.

Gresh: My dutie to them all.

Phil: In Itead of charging of the Sheriffes with her,

VVe here discharge her keeper Beningfield:

And where we should have brought her to the blocke,

VVe now will have her brought to Hampton Court,

There to attend the pleasure of the Queene.

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The Pursuiuant that should have posted downe With tydings of her death,

Beare her the messuage of her repriued life,

You master Gage assist his speed, a good daies worke we ha made, To rescue Innocence so soone betrayd.

Enter Clowne and Clarentia.

Clo: Whether goe you so fait Mistresse Clarentia?

Cla: A milking.

Clo: A milking! that's a poore office for a Madam.

Cla: Better a Milk-maid free, than a Madam in bondage,

Oh had'st thou heard the Princesse yesternight,

Sitting within an arbor all alone to heare a Milke-maid fing,

It would have moou'd a flintie heart to melt,

Weeping and wishing, wishing and weeping, A thousand times she with her selfe debates,

With the poore Milk-maid to exchange estates,

She was a Sempster in the tower being a Princesse,

And shall I her poore Gentlewoman, disdaine

To be a Milk-maid in the Countrey?

Clo: Troth you say true, euerie one to his fortune,

As men goe to hanging, the time hath been

Whan I would ha scorn'd to carie coles, but now the case is alter'd,

Euerie man as farre as his tallent will stretch.

Enter a Gentlewoman.

Wom: Wher's Mistresse Clarentia? to horse to horse,

The Princesse is sent for to the Court, She's gone alreadie, come let's after.

Cla: The Princesse gone, and I lest here behinde!

Come, come, our horses shall out-strip the winde.

Clow: And Ile not be long after you, for I am sure
My curtall will carry me as fast as your double Gelding. Exeunt.

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I wonder Gage, that we have faid fold

Eliz: I wonder Gage, that we have staid so long, So neere the Court, and yet have heard no newes From our displeased sister, this more affrights me Than my former troubles, I seare this Hampton Court Wilbe my grave.

Gage. Good Madam, blot such thoughts out of your minde,

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The Lords I know, are still about your suit,
And make no doubt, but they will so preuaile
Both with the King and Queene, that you shall see
Their haynous anger will be turn'd to loue.

Enter Howard.

Howard. Where is the Princesse?

Eliz: Welcome my good Lo: Howard, what sayes the Queene,

Will she admit me fight?

How: Madam she will, this night she hath appointed,
That she her selfe in person meanes to heare you,
Protract no time, then come let's hast away.

Exeunt.

Enter foure Torches: Phillip, Winchester, Howard, Shandoy se, Bening field, and Attendants.

Queene. Where is the Princesse?

How: She waights your pleasure at the Common-staires,

Quee: Viher her in by Torch-light.

How: Genclemen Vshers, and Gentlemen Pentioners, lights

For the Princesse, attendance Gentlemen.

Phill: For her supposed vertues, Royall Queene

Looke on your fister with a smiling brow, And if her fault merite not too much hate,

Let her be censur'd with all lenitie,

Let your deepe hatred end where it hegan,

She hath been too long banisht from the sunne.

Quee: Our fauour shalbe farre boue her desert, And she that hath been banisht from the light, Shall once againe behold our cheerefull sight. You my Lord shall step behind the arrasse, And heare our conference, weele shew her Grace,

For there shines too much mercie in your face.

Phill: We beare this mind, we errors would not feed,

Nor cherish wrongs, nor yet see Innocents bleed.

Quee: Call the Princesse.

(Exeunt for the Princesse, (Phillip behid the arras.

Enter all with Elizabeth.

All forbeare this place, except our fister now. (Exeunt omnes.)

Eliz: That God that rais'd you, stay you, and protect

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You from your foes, and cleere me from suspect.

Quee: Wherefore doe you cry?
To see your selfe so low, or vs so hie.

Eliz: Neither dread Queene, mine is a womanish teare,

In part compeld by ioy, and part by feare:

Ioy of your sight, these brinish teares haue bread, For seare of my Queenes frowne, to strike me dead.

Quee: Sister, I rather thinke the're teares of spleen.
Eliz. You were my sister, now you are my Queen.

Quee: I that's you griefe.

Eliz. Madame, he was my foe, and not your friend

That hath possest you so, I am as true a

Subiect to your Grace, as any liues this day:

Did you but see,

My heart it bends farre lower then my knee.

Quee: We know you can speake well: will you submit?

Eliz: My life Madam I will, but not as guiltie,

Should I confesse

Fault done by her, that neuer did transgresse?

I ioy to haue a sister Queene so royall.

I would it as much please your Maiestie,

That you enioy a fifter that's fo true:

If I were guiltie of the least offence,

Madame, 'twould taint the blood euen in your face;

The treasons of the father, being noble,

Vnnobles all your children: let your grace

Exact all torture and imprisonment,

What ere my greatest enemies can deuise:

And when they all have done their worst, yet I

Will your true subiect and true sister dye.

Phil. Myrror of vertue, and bright natures pride, (behind the Pittie it had been, such beautie should have dy'd, arras.

Quee: You'le not submit, but end as you begin. Stiz. Madam to death I will, but not to sinne.

Quee: You are not guiltie then?

Eliz: I thinke I am not.

Quee: I am not of your mind.

Eliz: I would your highnesse were.

Quee:

Quee How meane you that.

Eliz: To thinke as I thinke, that my soule is cleere.

Quee: You have been wrong imprison'd then?

Eliz: Ile not say so.

Quee: What ere we thinke, arise and kisse our hand;

Say God hath raif'd you friends.

Eliz. Then God hath kept his promise.

Quee; Promise, why?

Eliz: To raise them friends that on his word relie.

Enter Philip.

Phil. And may the heavens applaud this vnitie;

Accurst be they that first procur'd this wrong,

Now by my crowne, you have been kept downe too long.

Quee: Sister this night your selfe shall feast with me,

To morrow for the countrey you are free,

Lights for the Princesse, conduct her to her chamber. Exit Eline

Phil My soule is joyfull that this peace is made:

A peace that pleaseth heaven and earth, and all,

Redeeming continue thoughts from continue through

Redeeming captine thoughts from captine thrall, Faire Queene, the serious busines of my father

Is now at hand to be accomplished,

Of your faire fight I needs must take my leaue,

Returne I shall, the parting caufe vs grieue.

Quee: Why should two harts be for'st to separate,

I know your busines, but beleeue me sweete,

My soule divines we never more shall meete.

Phil. Yetfaire Queene hope the best I shall returne,

Who met with ioy, tho now fadly mourne. Exeunt Phil & Queen.

Bening: What, droopes your honour?

Winch: Oh, Iam sicke.

Conft: Where lyes your griefe?

Winch: Where yours and all good subjects els should lye,

Neere at the heart, this confirmation I doe greatly dread,

For now our true religion will decay,

I doe divine, who ever lives seven yeare,

Shall see no Religion here, but heresye.

Bening: Come, come my Lord, this is but for a shew,

Our Queene I warrant wishes in her heart,

Her

Her sister Princesse were without her head.

Winch: No, no my Lords, this peace is naturall,
This combination is without deceit,
But I will once more write to incense the Queene,
The plot is layd, thus it shalbe perform'd:
Sir Harrie, you shall goe attach her seruant
Vpon suspition of some treacherie,
Wherein the Princesse shall be accessarie:
If this doe faile, my pollicy is downe.
But I grow faint, the seauer staies on me,
Death like a vulture tyres vpon my heart,
Ile leaue you twoo to prosecute this drift,
My bones to earth I giue, the auen my soule I list.

Exeunt omnes.

Enter Gage, and Clarentia.

Gage. Madam Clarentia, is my Ladie stirring?

Cla: Yes master Gage, but heavie at the heart,

For she was frighted with a dreame this night,

She sayd, she dream'd her sister was new married,

And sat vpon a high Emperial throne:

That she her selfe was cast into a dungeon.

Whence enemies environ'd her about,

Offering their weapons to her naked breast;

Nay they would scrarcely give her leave to pray,

They made such hast to hurry her away.

Gage. Heauen shield mymistresse, and make her friends increase,

Conuert her foes, estate her in true peace.

Cla: Then did I dreame of weddings, and of flowers,
Me thought I was within the finest Garden,
That ever mortall eye did yet behold,
Then straight me thought some of the chiefe were pickt
To dresse the Bride, O'twas the rarest showe
To see the Bride goe smiling longst the streets,
As if she went to happines eternals.

Gage. Oh most vnhappie dreame, my scare is now As great as yours, before it was but small, Come let's goe comfort her, that ioyes vs all.

Excunt.

Enter, Adumb show: six Torches.

Suffex bearing the Crowne, Homard bearing the Scepter, the Constable the Mace, Tame the Purse, Shandoyse the Sword, Phillip and Mary; after them the Cardinall Poole, Bening sield and Attendants: Phillip and Mary confers; he takes leave, and Exit. Nobles bring him to the dore, and returne; she falles in a Swound; they comfort her; a dead march. Enter source with the herse of Winchester with the Scepter & Purse lying on it, the Queene takes the Scepter and Mace, and gives it Cardinall Poole; a sennet, and Exeunt Omnes, preter Sussex.

Suff: Winchester's dead, O God vppo euen at his death, He shewd his malice to the sweete young Princesse, God pardon him, his soule must answere all, Shee's still preseru'd, and still her foes do fall, The Queene is much besorted on these Prelates, For ther's another rays'd more base then he, Poele that Arch, for truth and honesty.

Enter Beningfield.

Ben: My Lord of Suffex I can tell ill newes, The Cardinall Psole that now was firmely well, Is sodenly falne sicke and like to dye.

Suff: Let him goe, why, then ther's a fall of Prelates,
This realme will neuer stand in perfect state,
Till all their faction be cleare ruinate,

Enter Constable.

Const: Sr Harry, doe you heare the whispering in the Court, They say the Queene is crazy, very ill.

Sus: How heard you that?

Conft: Tis common through the house.

How: Tis a sad Court my Lord.

Suff: What's the matter: say how fayres the Queene? How: Whether in sorrow for the Kings departure,

Or els that Cardinall Poole is fodaynely dead, I cannot tell, but shee's exceeding sicke,

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Suff: The state begins to alter.

How. Nay more my Lord, I came now from the presence, Theard the Doctors whisper it in secret,

There is no way but one.

Suff: Gods will be done; whose with the Queene, my Lord?

How: The Duke of Norfolks, the Earle of Oxford,

The Earle of Arundell, and divers others,

They are with-drawne into the inward chamber, There to take counsell, and intreat your presence.

Su: Wee'le waight vpon their Honors.

(Exeunt omnes.

Enter Elizabeth, Gage and Clarentia aboue. Eliz: O God, my last nights dreame I greatly feare,

It doth presage my death, good matter Gage

Looke to the path-way that doth come from the Court,

Hooke each minute for deaths mellenger.

Would he were here now, so my soule were pure,

That I with patience might the stroke endure.

Gage: Madam I see from farre a horse-man comming, This way he bends his speed, he comes so fast

That he is covered in a cloud of duft,

And now I have lost his fight, he appeares againe, Making his way over Hill, Hedge, Ditch and Plaine;

One after him; they two striue,

As on the race they had wagerd both their liues,

Another after him.

Eliz: O God what meanes this haft?

Pray for my foule, my life cannot long last.

Gige: Strange and miraculous, the first being at the gate,

His horse hath broke his necke, and cast his rider.

Ehz: This same is but a prologue to my death, My heart is guiltlesse though they take my breath.

Enter fir Henry Karem.

Kar: God saue the Queene, God saue Elizabeth.

Eliz: God fauc the Queene, so all good Subjects say;

I am her Subiect, and for her still I pray.

Kar: Myhorse did you allegeance at the gate, For there he broke his necke, and there he lyes,

For I my selfe had much a doe to rise,

The fall hath brus'd me, yet I live to cry,

God blesse your grace, God blesse your maiesty.

Gage: Long liue the Queene, long liue your maiesty. Eliz: This newes is sweete, my hart was sore affraid:

Rise thou, first Baron that we euer made.

Karew: Thankes to your maiesty, happy be my tongue, That first breath'd right to one that had such wrong.

Enter sir Iohn Brecket,

Broc: Am I preuented in my hast, O chance accurst!
My hopes did sooth me that I was the first;
Let not my duty be ore swayd by spleene,
Long liue my Soueraigne, and God saue my Queene.

Eliz: Thankes good Sir Iohn, we will deserue your loue,

Enter Howard.

How: Though third in order, yet the first in loue, I tender my allegance to your Grace, Liue long faire Queene, thrise happy be your raigne, He that in-states you, your high state mayntaine.

Eliz: Lord Howard thankes, you cuer were our frend,

I fee your loue continues to the end,

But cheefly thankes to you my Lord of Hunsdon.

How: Meaning this gentleman?

Eliz: The very fame;

His tongue was first proclaimer of our name:

And trusty Gage in token of our Grace,

We give to you a captaine Pentioners place.

How. Madam the Counsell are here hard at hand,

Eliz: We will descend and meet them.

Karew: Let's guard our Soueraigne prayfing that power.

That can throw downe and rayle within an hower. Ex. onenes

Enter the Clowne, and one more with faggots.

Clo; Come neighbor, come away, euery man his faggot, And his double pot, for ioy of the old Queenes death,

Let bells ring, and children fing,

For we may have cause to remember

The scauenteenth day of Nouember.

Enter Lord of Tame,

Tame: How now my masters what's here to do?

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Clo: Fayth making Bone-fiers for icy of the newe Queene, Come fir your penny, and you be a true subject,
You'le battle with vs your faggot, weele be merry yfayth.

Tame: And you do well: and yet me chinke 'twere fit,

To spend some funerall teares vpon her hearce. Who while she liu'd was deere vnto them all.

Clo: I, but do not you know the old prouerbe, We must live by the quicke, and not by the dead.

Tame: Did you not loue her father when he liu'd,

As deerly as you ere did loue any, And yet rejoyced at his funerall:

Likewise her brother, you esteem'd him deere,

Yet once departed, joyfully you fung,

Runne to make Bone-fiers, to proclaime your loue

Vnto the newe, forgetting ttill the old:

Now she is gone, how you mone for her? Were it not fit a while to mone her herse,

And dutifully there reioyce the tother;

Had you the wisest and the louingst Prince,

That euer swayd a Scepter in the world,

This is the loue he shall have after life: Let Princes while they live have love or feare, tis fit,

For after death, ther's none continues it.

Clow: By my fayth my Maisters, he speakes wisely, Come, weele to the end of the lane, and there weele Make a bonfire and be merry,

Fayth agreed, ile spend my halfe-penny towards Another faggot, rather than the new Queene shall

Want a bonfire. Exeunt, manet Tame.

Tame. I blame you not, nor doe I you commend,
For you will still the strongest ade defend.

Exit.

Asennet. Enter 4 Trumpetors, after them Sargeant Trumpetor with a Mace, after him Purse-bearer, Sussex with the Crowne, Homard the Scepter, Constable with the Cap of maintenance, Shandoyse with the Sword, Tame with the Coller and a George, soure Gentleme bearing the Canapy ouer the Queene, two Gentlewomen bearing up her trayne, six gentlemen Pensioners; the Queene takes state.

Omnes.

Omnes. Long liue, long raigne our Soueraigne.

Eliz: We thanke you all.

Suss: The imperiall Crowne I heere present your Grace,

With it my staffe of Office and my place.

Eliz: Whil'st we this Crowne, so long your place enioy.

How: Th'mperiall Scepter here I offer vp.

Eliz: Keepe it my Lord, and with it be you high Admirall.

Const: This Cap of Mainetenance, I present my state

of Office, and my vtmost seruice.

Eliz: Your loue we know.

Const: Pardon me gratious Madame, twas not spleene,

But that alleageance that I ow'd my Queene.

Madame, I seru'd her truly at that day,

And I as truly will your Grace obay.

Eliz: We doe as freely pardon, as you truly seru'd:

Onely your staffe of Office weele displace,

In stead whereof, weele owe you greater Grace.

Enter Bening sield.

Bening: Long liue the Queene, long liue your Maiestie,

I haue rid hard to be the first reporter

Of these glad tydings firtt; and all these heere.

Suff: You are in your loue as free as in your care,

You're come euen iust, a day after the fayre.

Elu: What's he, my Iaylor?

Bening: God preserue your Grace.

Eliz: Be not asham'd man, looke me in the face,

Who have you now to patronize your strictnes on?

For your kindnes this I will bestow:

When wee haue one we would have hardly void

And cruelly dealt with, you shall be the man,

This is a day for peace, not for vengeance fit,

All your good deeds weele quit, all wrongs remit.

Where we left off, proceed.

Shan: The sword of Iustice, on my bended knee

I to your Grace present, heaven blesse your Raigne.

Eliz: This Sword is ours, this staffe is yours againe.

Tame: This Garter with the Order of the George,

Two Ornaments vnto the Crowne of England,

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Eliz: Possesse them still my Lord, what Office beare you?

Gage: I Captaine of your highnes Pentioners.

Brock: I of your Guard.

I Sargeant Trumpetor present my Mace.

Lord Hunfdon, we will one day finde a staffe
To poyze your hand: you are our Cosen,
And descrue to be employed neerer our person:
But now to you from whome we take this staffe.
Since Cardinall Poele is now decea'st and dead,
To shew all mallice from our breast is worne,
Before you let that Purse and Mace be borne.
And now to London Lords lead on the way,
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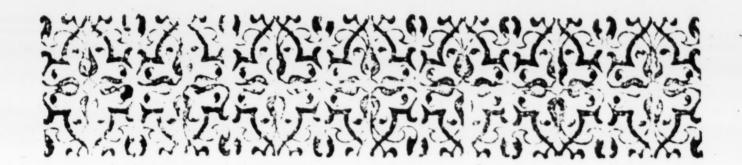
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Eliz: We thanke you all: but first this booke I kisse. Thou art the way to honor; thou to bliffe, An English Bible, thankes my good Lord Maior, You of our body and our foule have care: This is the lewell that we still love best, This was our solace when we were distrest, This booke that hath to long conceald it felfe, So long thut vp, so long hid; now Lords fee, We here unclaspe, for ever it is free: Who lookes for joy, let him this booke adore, This is true foode for rich men and for poore, Who drinkes of this is certaine ne're to perish, This will the foule with heauenly vertue cherish, Lay hand vppon this Anchor enery foule, Your names shalbe in an eternall scrowle; Who builds on this, dwel's in a happie state,

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This is the fountaine cleere immaculate.
That happie yssue that shall vs succeed,
And in our populous Kingdome this Booke read,
For them, as for our owne selues we humbly pray
They may liue long and blest; so lead the way.

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To greet their royall Soueraigne on the way. Eliz: We thanke you all: but first this booke I kisse. Thou art the way to honor; thou to bliffe, An English Bible, thankes my good Lord Maior, You of our body and our foule have cares This is the lewell that we still love best, This was our solace when we were distrest, we have This booke that harh to long conceald it felfe, and a crist way So long thut vp, fo long hid; now Lords fee, his so will be to We here vnclaspe, for euer it is free: Who lookes for joy, let him this booke adore, about book moy link. This is true foode for rich men and for poore, or the house would we Who drinkes of this is certaine ne're to periffication This will the foule with heavenly vertue cheriff on and one of Lay hand vppon this Anchor enery soule, Your names shalbe in an eternall scrowle; it was a line and a line Who builds on this, dwel's in a happie state, or we will the

This

This is the fountaine cleere immaculate.

That happie yssue that shall vs succeed,

And in our populous Kingdome this Booke read,

For them, as for our owne selues we humbly pray

They may liue long and blest; so lead the way.

FINIS.





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There present.

Eliz: Possesse them still my Lord, what Office beare you?

Gage: I Captaine of your highnes Pentioners.

Brock: I of your Guard.

I Sargeant Trumpetor present my Mace.

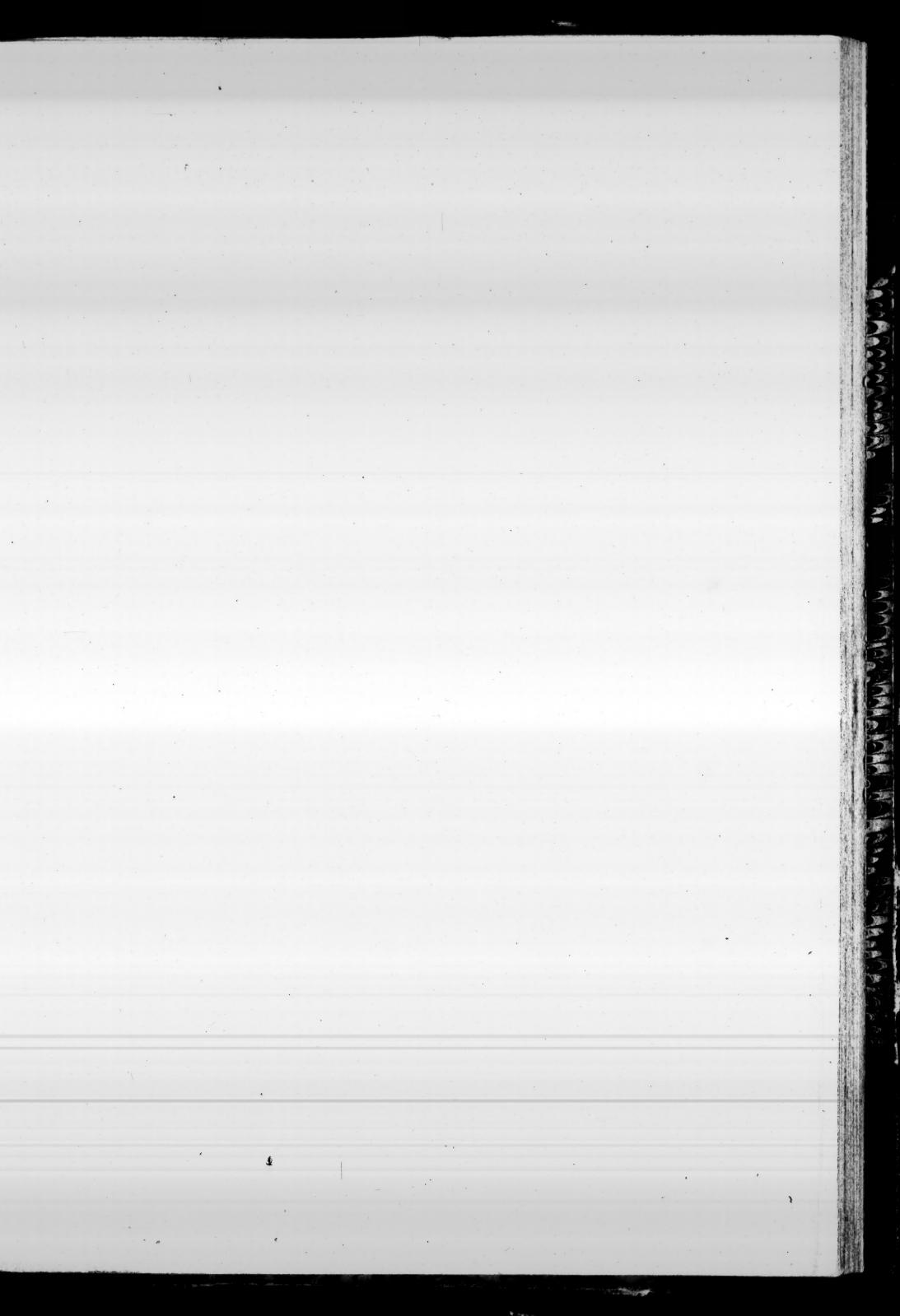
Lord Hunsdon, we will one day finde a staffe
To poyze your hand: you are our Cosen,
And deserue to be employed neerer our person:
But now to you from whome we take this staffe.
Since Cardinall Poole is now decea'st and dead,
To shew all mallice from our breast is worne,
Before you let that Purse and Mace be borne.
And now to London Lords lead on the way,
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This booke that hath so long conceald it selfe,
So long shut vp, so long hid; now Lords see,
We here vnclaspe, for ever it is free:
Who lookes for joy, let him this booke adore,
This is true foode for rich men and for poore,
Who drinkes of this is certaine ne're to perish,
This will the soule with heavenly vertue cherish,
Lay hand vppon this Anchor every soule,
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